

## Oak Hill Trails

### Access to the trails:

Take exit 16 off 93N to the stop sign. Take a left onto Mountain Road. Take the second right onto Shaker Road. The trailhead to the Vista Trail is in the southern former log yard on Shaker Road. The trailhead to the Tower Trail and Dancing Bear Trail can be found further north along Shaker Road. Or, park where the trail begins off of Oak Hill Road.

### The trails:

Hiking travel time: several hours, depending on your route  
Distance: about 7 miles total

The trail system is designed and cleared for hikers and experienced cross-country skiers. Beginner skiers should not attempt this trail system. The trail was cut during the summer of 1989 and includes part of the skidder trails used to harvest the timber in 1988. Since this time, the Krupa Loop and the Dancing Bear Trail have been added providing additional interest to the hike. Trees have been cleared just below the granite ledge outcropping at the vista affording a view of Mt. Kearsarge. Off the Dancing Bear Trail is a vista with a view of Mt. Kearsarge to the northwest, Ragged Mountain to the north and Mt. Cardigan to the north.

The Tower Trail leading to the Oak Hill fire tower in Loudon and a second connection to Krupa Loop have recently been added. These trails were developed with the cooperation of the landowner and the Loudon Conservation Commission.

### History:

Oak Hill is a unique area that has gone through many historical changes. In the 1800's this area was mainly open pastureland. Networks of stone walls and stone cellars can still be found today. The forest used to be American chestnut trees, until the Asiatic blight killed them off in the 1920's. Today Oak Hill has an unusually high number of Chestnut saplings, a reminder of earlier times. This area is also home to one of Concord's largest white oak trees. This landmark oak has a diameter of 44.3 inches at breast height (4').



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Map 12

## Concord Trail System

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|  | Public-Use Trail                  |
|  | 20' Topographic Contour Lines     |
|  | Interstate Highways               |
|  | Roads                             |
|  | Political Boundary                |
|  | Water Bodies                      |
|  | Rivers and Streams                |
|  | Heritage Trail                    |
|  | Parking                           |
|  | Accessibility                     |
|  | Information or Kiosk              |
|  | Picnic Table or Bench             |
|  | Bridge                            |
|  | Dam                               |
|  | Point of Interest                 |
|  | Trail Ends or Enters Private Land |

To make your trip more enjoyable for you and for others who follow, please observe the following:

- Motorized recreational vehicles are prohibited on City land.
- Do not disturb the plants or animals.
- Keep to the marked trails.
- Respect the private property near the trails.
- Be equipped for country walking.
- Carry out all trash and litter and clean up after your pet.

